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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable R. Peter Straus
Assistant Administrator
Bureau for Africa
Agency for International Development

SUBJECT : Zambia's Petroleum Supply Situation

1. The attached Intelligence Memorandum was prepared in response to your request for information passed to this Office by Mr. John Canning, Officer in Charge for Southern Africa. The memorandum makes the point that Zambia's current petroleum supply situation is precarious and is likely to remain so for a month or so. We conclude that Zambia can probably weather this situation without any extraordinary outside assistance, such as an emergency airlift, although the copper industry might be slowed somewhat since it is the country's largest consumer of petroleum.

2. The Memorandum represents our best judgment at this time. If additional information modifies our estimate, we will advise you of this promptly.

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Attachment:
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